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22. EPA:**Agency will test water in Dimock, Pa.**

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U.S. EPA will conduct tests on water wells in Dimock, Pa., where residents say hydraulic fracturing activity has polluted their drinking water supplies.

The agency will also truck water to four homes in the town, it said in a statement yesterday.

The tests are meant to "further assess whether any residents are being exposed to hazardous substances that cause health concerns," the agency said.

EPA has flip-flopped on the issue, declaring just six weeks ago that the water in the town was safe to drink.

Dimock residents say drilling activity by Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. has polluted their water wells. The company trucked water to residents for three years until November 2011, when it stopped with permission from state regulators.

But state regulators aren't happy about EPA's involvement in the matter, and analysts predict the action will spur greater state and local regulation of hydraulic fracturing activities.

"Every government that oversees shale gas production at the state and municipal level will be looking for ways to prevent this from happening in their producing areas," said Kevin Book, an analyst at ClearView Energy Partners. "That means local regulation will be ramping up" (Edward McAllister, *Reuters*, Jan. 19). -- GV

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